Starvation Deaths at Ponmudi Tea and Rubber Company

2129. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were three starvation deaths in June 2000 of tea workers in Ponmudi Tea and Rubber Company in Kerala;

(b) whether State Government has not taken any action against the company for not paying salary to workers for months together; and

(c) if so, the action to deal firmly with the company as a welfare measure of the workers who want to die and demand poison?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Steps To Reduce Unemployment

2130. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated, uneducated, skilled, unskilled youths registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, State-wise, district-wise, year-wise and category-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce unemployment in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The number of educated/uneducated job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges in the country, State-wise for the year ending 1995, 1996 and 1997 (latest available) is given in the statement. (*See* Below) District-wise

information and information on skilled/unskilled job-seekers are not maintained.

(b) to (d) The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment.

A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has also been set up to look into the employment generation taking place and suggest measures to generate at least one hundred million jobs in a period of 10 years (Ten million jobs in each year).

Statement

NUMBER OF JOB-SEEKERS OF THE LIVE REGISTER OF EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 31.12.1995, 31.12.1996 AND 31.12.1997.

S. No.	State/Union Territories	1995			1996			1997		
		Educated 10th Standard and above	Un-educated Below 10th Standard including illiterates	Total all categories	Educated 10th Standard and above	Un-educated Below 10th Standard including illiterates	Total all categories	Educated 10th Standard and above	Un-educated Below 10th standard including illiterates	Total all categories
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1826.6	906.4	2733.0	1899.8	1037.8	2937.6	2026.9	1060.6	3087.5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.3	7.1	8.4	1.8	5.2	7.0	2.0	8.8	10.8
3.	Assam	760.2	486.6	1246.8	846.5	449.5	1296.0	925.2	549.8	1475.0
4.	Bihar	2482.1	1256.0	3738.0	2446.3	1019.3	3465.5	2386.8	964.5	3351.3
5.	Goa	80.4	27.2	107.6	76.8	25.9	102.7	81.8	27.2	109.0
6.	Gujarat	670.3	241.9	912.2	693.1	238.2	931.3	682.5	259.8	942.3
7.	Haryana	451.0	246.7	697.7	495.4	260.9	756.3	504.0	283.1	787.1
8.	Himachal Pradesh	403.2	176.5	579.7	451.3	187.1	638.4	552.0	165.5	718.3
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	62.4	82.0	144.4	63.4	89.5	152.9	64.8	99.9	164.7
10.	Karnataka	1204.7	550.0	1754.8	1194.7	613.8	1808.5	1219.2	612.4	1831.6
11.	Kerala	2245.2	1208.6	3453.8	2243.0	1031.1	3274.1	2831.3	700.5	3531.8
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1645.6	538.2	2183.8	1749.0	544.6	2293.6	1932.2	445.2	2377.4
13.	Maharashtra	2906.5	727.4	3634.0	2801.8	1014.1	3815.9	2904.9	1018.6	3923.5
14.	Manipur	174.1	94.7	268.8	191.0	101.1	292.1	206.4	11.7	318.1
15.	Meghalaya	15.5	12.1	27.6	18.1	9.9	28.0	18.5	15.9	34.5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16.	Mizoram	20.9	24.8	45.7	23.8	24.9	48.8	30.9	37.0	67.9
17.	Nagaland	13.4	7.3	20.7	13.0	7.6	20.6	13.9	7.8	21.7
18.	Orissa	660.1	246.8	906.9	696.4	267.1	963.5	738.0	239.3	977.3
19.	Punjab	335.6	170.1	505.6	361.1	179.0	540.0	380.4	200.1	580.6
20.	Rajasthan	520.3	282.7	803.0	582.9	304.0	886.9	597.9	275.9	873.8
21.	Sikkim*									
22.	Tamil Nadu	2214.7	1275.8	3490.5	2319.9	1287.8	3607.7	2746.2	1149.9	3896.1
23.	Tripura	65.6	139.0	204.6	66.9	139.0	205.9	70.4	142.1	212.5
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1908.9	605.6	2514.5	1846.4	645.2	2491.6	2011.5	685.3	2696.8
25.	West Bengal	3119.9	2263.3	5383.2	3137.2	2331.6	5468.8	3333.4	2405.6	5739.0
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8.6	11.6	20.2	8.6	13.0	21.6	8.6	16.5	25.0
27.	Chandigarh	83.0	70.2	153.2	75.2	64.4	139.7	76.0	48.7	124.7
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.2	3.3	4.5	1.2	3.8	5.0	1.2	4.3	5.5
29.	Delhi	819.0	214.8	1033.8	866.0	215.2	1081.2	839.9	257.6	1097.4
30.	Daman & Diu	2.5	2.1	4.6	2.5	2.5	5.0	2.0	3.5	5.5
31.	Lakshadweep	1.7	7.7	9.4	1.7	8.0	9.7	1.7	7.1	8.8
32.	Pondicherry	90.6	60.8	151.4	90.6	43.2	133.8	90.6	53.9	144.5
	TOTAL:	24795.0	11947.3	36742.3	25265.3	12164.3	37429.6	27282.0	11857.9	39139.9

*NOTE: NO EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE IS FUNCTIONING IN THIS STATE. FIGURES MAY NOT ADD UP TO TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING OFF.